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PRODUCING REFERENCE IMAGE IN
GLASS BOTTLE INSPECTING
APPARATUS

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A European Search Report, date August 1, 2006, which issued during the prosecution of European Application No. EP 02 77 7887 which corresponds to the present application.


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